NEWS welcomes Niagara alumni

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WEATHER
Partly cloudy, warm

To show the warmth of its welcome to the fledgling alumni association, the Niagara News is sending copies of this year's first edition to hundreds of graduates.

The Niagara College Alumni Association will soon be a reality, thanks to former graduates who responded favorably to a survey questionnaire.

About 700 grads expressed an interest in the possibility of an association.

It would be a good way for former students "to keep in touch with their alma mater," Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said.

Association members will receive in October an alumni mailing list, quarterly newsletter, complimentary copy of the Niagara News, pub night admittance and a college library card.

An alumni board of directors and alumni athletic teams are also planned.

Miss Robarts said she was pleased with the response to the idea, especially since the students here have not had a chance to develop the camaraderie they would in a college with a residence.

High tech training at new $3m facility

By JANE STIRLING
Staff Writer

One theme ran through the opening ceremonies of Niagara College's $3-million expansion of the machine and welding shops at Welland Vale — the training of skilled workers for the future.

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said the expanded facilities will meet the needs for skilled tradespeople in the area. People will be able to get their training here instead of leaving to take courses at other colleges, she said. The opening ceremonies at the Resource Centre for Skill Development were held Sept. 16.

Mayor Roy Adams of St. Catharines said the new facilities will provide technical training for those who want retraining or who are entering the work force "today in the world of high technology."

With the help of $1.6 million from the government of Ontario, Niagara College expanded its 15-station machine shop to one with 60 stations. The funding started four years ago and the shop can now handle 120 students.

AT 75 PER CENT CAPACITY

In the welding shop, the college was awarded $1.36 million from the federal government. The expansion started last January and the shop is already being used at 75 per cent of its capacity. There are 80 student stations now that can handle 220 people.

The machine and welding shops are in use 15 hours a day, including weekends.

With an extra shift operating, the facilities could use 500 people. "With the economic downturn it is not necessary to train for 24 hours but we are prepared to, when the need arises," Miss Robarts said.

The traded teaching will take precedence over the non-technical areas at the Welland Vale campus and eventually, these other programs will be moved to other campuses, she said.

Miss Robarts emphasized that the expansion of the facilities could not have occurred without the help from the two levels of government and assistance from local businesses and industries.

PLACEMENT GOOD

Both programs have good placement levels, Miss Robarts said. In the machine shop, before the recession, there was 98 per cent placement. "We couldn't get people to finish the course," Art Gill, co-ordinator of the machining program, said. "Companies would hire students before they had finished the course."

Since January, 60 of the 80 students who started in the machine shop have been recalled to work, Mr. Gill said.

George Kovacs, manager of the welding program, said high technology is becoming more and more important. His program will be moving into robotics application.

The opening of the facilities marked the achievement of the fourth phase in technical development for Niagara College. The fourth phase involves the move from basic equipment to high technology.

Toga twosome

First-year theatre arts students Kim Strong and Rick Cosby dressed in togas on Friday, Sept. 23, for their western civilization class. (Photo by Greco)

CARMEN ANGI

Carmen says, 'Hi'

Carmen Angi, former Student Administrative Council (SAC) president, is in good spirits and recovering well from an operation he underwent to remove a blood clot in late May.

Carmen said, "It's good to be back in the region" after spending three months in Hamilton General Hospital. He now goes for therapy three days a week at the Niagara Rehabilitation Centre. He said he misses college life and sends his best wishes for the new SAC.

Carmen was hired by R L Crain as a sales representative and was to start in May. Although he could not start then, the company has guaranteed him a job when he recovers. He expects to begin in late spring.

Because Carmen missed graduation ceremonies, Jacqueline Robarts, college president; Lawrence Cote, marketing co-ordinator, and Hans Van Der Slagt, dean of business, went to the hospital to present him with his diploma. He was also awarded the President's Scholarship.

Yalden promoting bilingualism Across Canada

By DON BERNARD
Staff Writer

Maxwell Yalden, commissioner of offical languages, will spend his final year in office promoting bilingualism to all the provincial governments of Canada, he said Sept. 23 at Niagara College.

Mr. Yalden visited Niagara College to congratulate it on its progress in French Languages Services. He said he hoped to see an active use of these services by the francophone students at the college and in the area.

Mr. Yalden spoke of a state with two official languages. He sees a bilingual Canada "not as a country where all the citizens are bilingual but as a country where French-Canadians and English Canadians live and co-exist with each other in harmony," he said in French.

His top priority is to keep on pushing provincial governments to offer bilingual service, he told a Friday morning reception in the Tecumseh lounge.

NO HIGH HORSE HERE

However, Manitoba is experiencing a language war and it would be a great mistake to "ride on a high horse and aim with my six-shooter" in pushing bilingualism there, the commissioner said.

"The two languages are here to stay," he said. But he expressed some concern about the future if another government is elected because "the other parties are not as supportive as the present government." Nevertheless there is "general agreement with the leaders of the federal parties concerning French."

He was aware of the popularity of these courses, especially in Alberta and British Columbia, and said Welland does have the facilities to accommodate French immersion.

MOST EFFECTIVE

A French immersion course is given in a total French atmosphere where the student lives in predominantly French quarters. "It's the most effective way for anglophones to learn French," he said.

Though he would like to encourage a French immersion course in Welland, Mr. Yalden said that would fall under provincial jurisdiction and therefore he could not get directly involved.

Jules Letourneau, a member of the college Board of Governors, presented Mr. Yalden with a souvenir plaque of the Niagara College logo made from the new machine shop facilities at Welland Vale Campus.

Mr. Yalden joined the department of external affairs in 1956 and was posted to Moscow two years later. In 1960 he served on the Canadian delegation to the Geneva Conference on Disarmament. He was posted to the Canadian Embassy in Paris as first secretary in 1963 and became counsellor there in 1965.

He was deputy minister of communications from May, 1973, to September, 1977, when he was appointed commissioner of offical languages for a term of seven years.

Interior design grad wins award for work

The Interior Design program has won an important North American award for the second year in a row. Joanne Buckner, a 1983 graduate, won third place this year from The American Society of Interior Designers.

It was a fortunate break and, "I didn't believe it until I received the money," Joanne said with a smile.

The project is sent by the association to colleges and universities in North America. After a specified time limit, the completed assignments are returned to New York city for assessment.

One interior design instructor, Ronald Gordon said, "If out of about 110 colleges and universities we've had a winner each time we entered, we must be doing it right." The 1983 project involved the renovation of a Baltimore rowhouse.

JOANNE BUCKNER

"They gave us the basic plans and we had to discover the intricate details about the Victorian construction," Joanne said. It was a laborious and time-consuming two months and, "I only entered it because Mr. Firlotte demanded it." Paul Firlotte is co-ordinator of interior design.

Joanne receives the $100 cash prize in September. In 1982, Kathy Warcup, of Niagara College, was second with a cash prize of $200.

WV campus Open House Oct. 14, 15

An Open House at the Welland Vale campus of Niagara College will be held Oct. 14 and 15. The public will be invited to view the new $3-million welding and machine shop renovations as well as the rest of the building.

The new facilities were officially opened in September. The public Open House will be held on Oct. 14 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bargain dental rates give brighter smiles

Niagara College students may grimace at the heavy work load or the dent school supplies put in the pocket-book, but the services offered by the dental clinic are sure to bring a smile to their faces.

Located on the third floor Simcoe building, the clinic is now accepting appointments for checkups on Tuesday or Wednesday. Restorative work is scheduled to begin Nov. 16 through to Dec. 9.

The checkups include X-rays and a visual (oral) exam performed by Dr. Edward Henderson, the college's dental program consultant. There is no charge for the checkup and the clinic is open not only to students but also to members of the community.

When restorative work is needed, a further appointment is scheduled at which dentists work on the patients with dental assistant students assisting. Four dentists each day from as far away as Hamilton offer their services on a rotating basis, for a nominal fee. In effect each dentist is giving up four days of office practice during the time the restorative clinic operates.

Billie Atkinson, co-ordinator of the dental assistant program, says the system "gives the students an opportunity to work and practise with more than one dentist."

The students' duties include all aspects of chairside procedure, record-keeping and bookkeeping.

Patients pay for any restorative work done but the fee is minimal, mainly covering the cost of materials.

In December when all restorative work is completed, dental hygiene students are given practical experience when people come in for the free cleaning that is offered. Appointments for this are being accepted now and will continue into the new year.

Senate fund scholarships in January

Four scholarships worth $250 each will be awarded to graduating students at Niagara College's Welland Vale campus beginning in January, Rod Hill, acting president of the student senate, said.

Every three months, beginning in the new year, a deserving student will receive $250 to help with further schooling expenses or to buy equipment for work.

The $1,000 will come entirely from the senate fund. Morris Bosey, counsellor and staff adviser to the senate, said there is a possibility that the cash awards will be increased to $2,000 in 1985 to include eight students.

The selection committee will include a senate representative.

Those eligible for the awards will be "exceptional students who have completed their courses and training successfully," Mr. Bosey said. Attendance, attitude and grades will be important indicators.

Students in courses with level three and four requirements as well as academic upgrading students will be eligible.

InfoGlobe ready soon

Info Globe, an information computer system, will be available in the library for student use by mid-October, Foster Zanutto, director of information services, said.

Info Globe is a compilation of all printed matter of the Globe and Mail dating back to 1970, and include the New York Times and Market Scan, a stock market record from Toronto, Vancouver, Alberta, and New York.

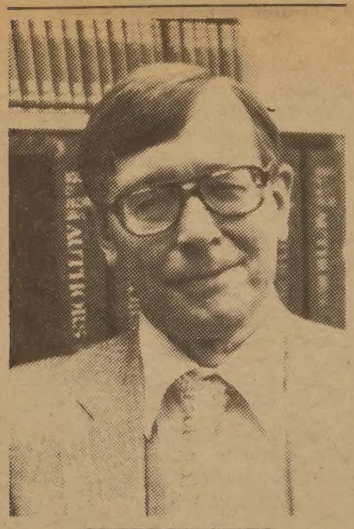
Articles dated from 1980 to 1983 are easily accessible on the computer memory, Janet Forfar, word processing operator said.

To use the system costs $2 a connect-minute — which can be expensive if you are not specific in what you are searching for, Mrs. Forfar said.

The system is valuable and timesaving if you narrow your topic to a specific area; general searches are time-consuming and therefore expensive, she said.

The system also only provides one source of information and students should not base all their research just on this system, Mr. Zanutto said.

There are two trained operators on the Info Globe, Mrs. Forfar and a library technician.



STEPHEN KEES

Librarian wins award

Stephen Kees, chief librarian, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Special Libraries Association (SLA).

The award is presented annually to a person who has made outstanding personal contributions to librarianship and to the association. Mr. Kees has been active in the SLA for 24 years and has served on many committees and task forces. The presentation was made at the University of Rochester in May.

Mr. Kees, born in Beckenham, England, lives in Fenwick. He received the Library Association Fellowship at the University of London School of Librarianship in 1948. He held several positions in England then moved to Canada in 1957. He worked for the Toronto Public System before moving to the Niagara area as a research librarian for the Ontario Paper Company in Thorold. He was appointed chief librarian of Niagara College in 1967.

Kees writes college history

Niagara College's history will be revealed in a book entitled, The History of Niagara College. It was started in May by Stephen Kees, chief librarian.

Mr. Kees uses a variety of sources to research the college's history — a complete set of college calendars, a scrapbook of newspaper clippings, and back issues of the Niagara News.

"I also have access to college files of all sorts," he said.

The growth and development of some of the administrative structures are what Mr. Kees finds fascinating about the project. He said that life at the college is a great deal more complex than it used to be. With a small staff, everyone knew everybody else and understood, rather easily, how the system worked. Now, with the large staff it is increasingly difficult to understand how the complex system works.

Mr. Kees hopes to have the research and most of the writing done by the end of 1983. Then, he said it is a matter of editing the manuscript and putting it together which he hopes to have completed by May.

Board of Governors will fill 5 vacancies

Names of five new members of the Niagara College Board of Governors will be announced by the Council of Regents in December.

The appointments, which go into effect in January, 1984, are to replace board members who have resigned, Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said.

Four of those members have served the maximum eight-year term. One has moved from the area and no longer qualifies.

Candidates' names are submitted by board members and people in the municipality.

The Council of Regents, consisting of 15 Ontario residents from all walks of life who are interested in the college system, provides advice and develops *policies for community colleges*, she said.

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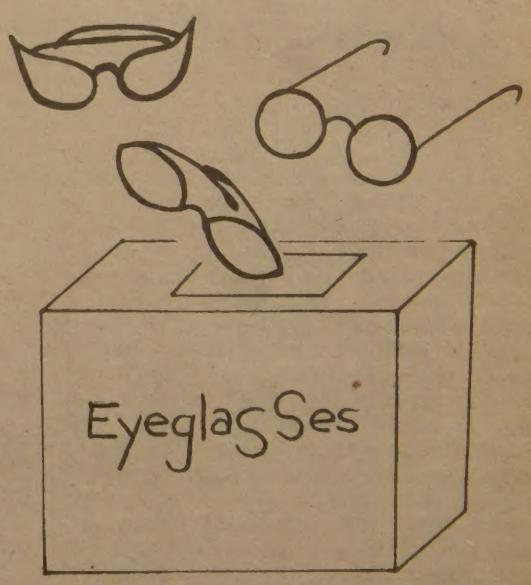

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Nobel Prize winner to speak in Welland

Professor Linus Pauling, one of the world's great scientists and twice winner of the Nobel Prize, is coming to Welland.

James Nicholas, Niagara College teacher, has arranged for Professor Pauling to be the keynote speaker at a United Nations Day meeting organized by the Welland-St. Catharines chapter of the United Nations Association of Canada. The meeting will be held Friday, Oct. 28, at 8 p.m. at Centennial High School. Mr. Nicholas is president of the chapter.

Professor Pauling, who will speak on Global Prospects and Dangers: A Scientist's Perspective, is the only person in the world to have won two Nobel Prizes. He won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1954; his work on the nature of matter begun in the 1930s led him to discover among other things the atomic structure of the protein hemoglobin found in human blood.

In 1963 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of being the principal author of the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, signed by both the United States and the Soviet Union. He was also awarded the Lenin Peace Prize, the highest honor given by the Soviet Union.

He has also been nominated for the Nobel Prize in medicine for his work in immunology, anti-biotics and hereditary ailments. He has investigated the use of vitamins for the treatment of various diseases, in particular the use of large amounts of vitamin C for preventing the common cold and for the treatment of cancer.

During the 1930s Professor Pauling became interested in the study of protein matter. Through his work he became concerned about the effect of radiation on humans. In 1958 he presented a petition to ban nuclear testing to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. His petition was signed by more than 9,000 scientists from 44 countries. He won the Nobel Peace Prize for trying to end nuclear testing.

In 1960, he was appointed chief science adviser to President Kennedy. If President Kennedy had lived, with the help of Linus Pauling, he would have ensured that an arms control agreement be signed by the two superpowers, Mr. Nicholas said.

Professor Pauling's deep concern about the threat of nuclear war led him to write a book No More War which has been a best seller throughout the world.

Leaving for N.Y.

A trip to The Big Apple becomes reality today for second-year Niagara College horticulture students.

The annual field trip "is not meant to be a note-taking exercise," Peter Mansfield, program co-ordinator, said. "It is meant to broaden students' horizons so they can see what others are doing in the field."

The students were to leave today for five days of touring gardens and nurseries in three American states.

The large urban centres will not be overlooked as students will have a chance to explore New York city and Philadelphia.

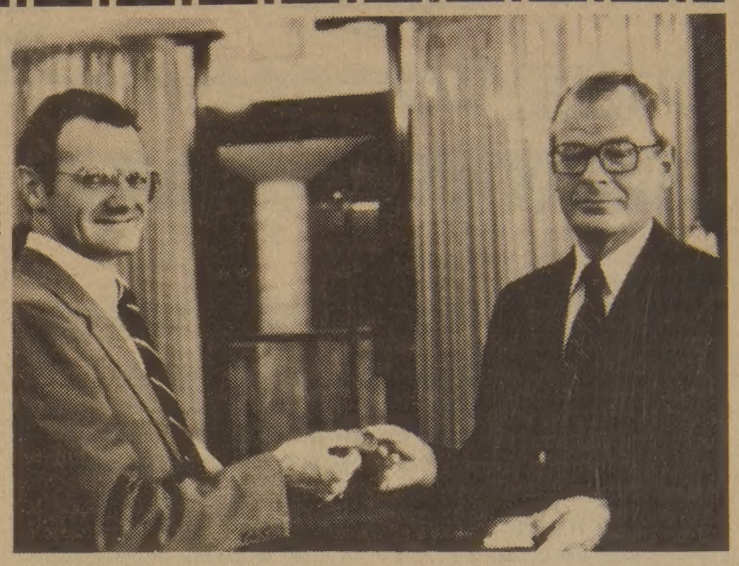
Starting with a tour of the New York botanic gardens and the Coe estate on Long Island, the students will travel to New Jersey to see the Princeton Nurseries, largest privately-owned nursery operations in North America.

A tour of the inner city of Philadephia will follow. Mr. Mansfield said the urban horticulture will be interesting because many of the gardens in Philadelphia have been restored to the late 1700s style.

The next stop will be the Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania — 350 acres of finished, private gardens. Each year, five international students are chosen to apprentice at the gardens.

The first international student accepted into their program was a Niagara College student, Mr. Mansfield said.

The field trip will conclude with a tour of the Rodale Research Station, specializing in organic gardening.



Receives logo

Jules Letourneau, member of the Board of Governors, presents a souvenir plaque to Maxwell Yalden, commissioner of official languages. (Photo by Bernard)

College student directory available by late Nov.

Do you need to know your classmate's phone number because you forgot which chapter you're supposed to read?

Do you want to know where that cute guy in your math class lives?

Well, come late November you'll have all the information at your fingertips.

Just let your fingers do the walking through the eighth annual student directory.

The directory will be out earlier this year than other years because of the better computer system for obtaining information, Bob Young, marketing management instructor, said.

The directory lists the names, addresses and phone numbers of Niagara College students as well as the program they are in.

Those students not wishing their names in the directory should contact the Registrar's office as soon as possible.

The directory, put out by second-year sales and merchandising students, teaches them advertising and salesmanship.

Under the supervision of Mr. Young and Larry Cote, sales and merchandising co-ordinator, the 28 students get credited for the sales and lay-outs of the ads obtained from area retailers.

The exercise provides a "good practical experience," Mr. Young said.

The directories which are a "service to all students" can be purchased from the sales and merchandising students for $1, he said.

Promotional gimmicks will be used to boost the sales of the directories which may also be bought in the bookstore and SAC office.

The profit earned "which is peanuts" is used to set up scholarships aimed at sales and merchandising students, Mr. Young said.

Four or five scholarships for most improved and best overall students will be set up for both first and second year students.

Petitions for 3rd year

By CHITRA RAMASETHU
Staff Writer

Twenty-one second-year interior design students have drawn up a petition protesting cancellation of the third year and are requesting an audience with Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, within the next three weeks.

"We, the undersigned feel that the dropping of third year interior design jeopardizes all our futures," the petition stated.

The optional third year was cancelled following failure to meet quota requirement. "At the time of registration we had 13 students and the third year was cancelled because one student could not make it," Paul Firlotte, co-ordinator interior design, said.

John Giancarlo, the executive dean of the college and the dean of applied arts, expressed sympathy for the students' disappointment and said, "The college is prepared to give a three-year program provided there is sufficient interest by students that should be expressed in numbers, at least 14."

SUSPENSION TEMPORARY

Temporary suspension of the third year this year was the result of insufficient numbers, Mr. Giancarlo said. Although the minimum number of students has been set at 16, it had been decided that third year would continue if there were 14 students. "But only 11 students had actually paid the confirmation fee, two more had indicated interest but were uncertain, and this was in the month of July."

One of the petitioners, Leona Daignault, said, "In the profession two years means nothing." Susan Pisano, who organized the petition, said, "When I first heard of it, I was outraged."

The faculty has been appealing for a mandatory third year instead of the optional one. A memorandum from James Cuthbertson, the former chairman of the environmental studies division, read, "It should be noted that the Interior Design profession does not recognize the wording on a two-year diploma — 'Interior Design.' " The memorandum was sent to Mr. Giancarlo.

"...it is strongly recommended that the Colleges, as institutions supplying professional training provide at least the minimum program of training required, namely three years," it said. "This should be made mandatory."

Mr. Giancarlo said, "It is the policy of the ministry not to extend two-year programs to a mandatory three years, unless there is a good reason for doing so."

NO DIPLOMAS

A presentation made by the advisory committee to the Board of Governors said, "A three- year program as recommended would exclude a certain segment of the population." In other words, those who left after two years would not receive a diploma.

Mr. Firlottee maintained that students need a minimum three years of education, plus four years of practical experience as apprentices. After this, they sit for the Interior Design Qualifications Examinations. Passing the exams entitles them to membership of the Interior Designers of Ontario Association.

"The education of the student is more important than anything else; and we must not deprive any student who asks for a level of education required for their career," Mr. Firlotte said.

Mr. Firlotte said that he has been fighting to bring about a mandatory third year for years. "I have gone to the board three times with this recommendation, and I have been refused three times."

If the ministry were to make the third year mandatory, the college would have it, Mr. Giancarlo said.

French machine course

Niagara College is the first college in Ontario to offer machine shop training in French, Nicole Vigeant, administrator of French Languages Services, said.

The course is a pilot project given on a part-time basis that started Sept. 19 and is running to Feb. 14. Mme Vigeant said the results will determine whether a full-time program is needed.

Canada Employment and Immigration Commission confirmed the purchase of 18 of the available seats and applicants who are unemployed may be sponsored in this course.

Upon completion the student will have a complete basic in-school portion of machine shop apprenticeship.

Classes are held Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8.30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Interested candidates should contact Mme Vigeant at French Language Services in Hennepin Hall, extension 617.

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Family and Childrens Services of the Niagara Region needs volunteers for group child care. If you are in daycare or a nursery school program and willing to give a few hours a week, please contact

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EDITORIALS

Parking problems

A new year has begun at Niagara College. This is evident from the number of automobiles that swarm to the college each morning. Spirits drop, however, when they reach the campus and cannot find a parking space.

Nothing is more frustrating than hurrying to get to school on time only to spend an extra 15 minutes searching for a place to park. Some students overlook no-parking signs and park anywhere they can drive their cars. They park on lawns and in driveways often blocking in other cars.

The problem is most obvious to those who have a first period spare. Anyone lucky enough to have an 8.30 a.m. class can usually find room. If you are not so fortunate, you should plan to leave a bit early so you can roam the lots and still make it on time for class.

This overcrowding poses a larger problem for handicapped students. Special parking spaces for the handicapped have always been hard to reserve, but now these spaces are even more tempting. Let's fight the temptation. These students cannot accept another space.

Car-pooling might ease the overcrowding, but it usually involves hours of waiting while your partner is in class. The only real solution is more space. The college has the property and the cost of building another parking lot would be negligible. It's not too much to ask that the college provide enough space for students to park — especially when enrolment and tuition rise regularly.

Russ Duhaime

Show you care

People often find it easier to show they care if there is a degree of anonymity about it. A prevailing characteristic of mankind is the almighty fear of rejection. Anonymity eases the fear.

There is a way to show you care while having that comfortable feeling of no recognition. There are boxes around Niagara College (in SAC) for the Canadian Foundation for World Development (CFWD) eyeglass program. Drop in old and unused eyeglasses and they will be shipped to under-developed countries where they are needed by the poor.

People do care. Boxes around the college are half full of glasses already and that proves it. But please, don't stop there. It would be a pity if people think the eyeglass program is a success and that no more are needed. There is a generous number of under-developed countries in this world.

It's an easy way to show you care without a glaring spotlight on you, and you get rid of glasses collecting dust around the home.

Theresa Gretzinger

Student attends program

April Fortier, second-year Law and Security student, was one of 86 Canadian students who attended a symposium on communications and culture in Canada this summer.

The program held in Ottawa from Aug. 7 to Aug. 14 was to highlight this year as international year of communications.

April was selected on the basis of her high average and because she is bilingual. "It was a great experience, I met a lot of interesting people from across Canada most of whom were bilingual," she said.

The symposium featured Canada's expertise in new communications technology as well as the influence of new electronic technology in Canada's future.

In addition April met a newly appointed senator and visited the Chalk river nuclear plant.

Eugene Maltais, political science teacher, nominated April for the $650 scholarship awarded to students to help fund the trip.

"When Mr. Maltais got the application in the mail, he told me about the trip and we worked on the resume together," April said.

Take a seat

Put your feet up and just relax. These students take it easy enjoying the last few days of summer.

The peaceful court yard is the perfect escape from the busy halls of the school. (Photo by Kmita)

Chicago Tribune Publisher:

Newspapers here to stay

Print journalism is here to stay. Stanton Cook, a leader in the United States communication industry, expressed firm confidence in the future of the newspaper industry. A story in the St. Catharines Standard in May quoted him as saying newspapers will continue to compete with great success against other media.

The story said:

Stanton Cook, publisher of The Chicago Tribune and president of The Tribune Co., yesterday indicated enormous faith in the newspaper industry which has undergone some serious strains in the last few years.

Some electronic media officials may not place much faith in the words of a newspaper publisher when he talks about his industry, but Mr. Cook also heads a long list of radio, television and cable television companies in the U.S.

"I am strong in my opinion, I absolutely believe there will be (a good future for newspapers.) I think print journalism is here to stay."

In recent years many media observers have wrongly predicted the death of newspapers, he said.

"It's not much different than when radio appeared on the scene, and newspapers became stronger. When television appeared, newspapers became stronger. Now we have further enhancement in the electronics, and I think one of the effects it will have is that it will make newspapers even better."

Newspapers across North America are changing in dramatic ways to continue as effective forces in their community, added Mr. Cook.

"I think the industry has been through a very interesting time. It has shown growth progress, the ability to modernize, to change with technology to meet the needs of its customers, its advertisers and its readers. The industry is very healthy."

The biggest challenges facing newspaper publishers are changes in technology and markets, he said, "but I think that is a challenge and an opportunity."

Several media analysts have said new forms of transmitting news on cable television will hurt newspapers, but Mr. Cook disagrees.

"I don't think it's had any significant impact on newspapers. Cable is used more for entertainment. For newspapers, while they are also used for entertainment in some ways, they are a very real information source. They serve a lot of uses in the marketplace."

He is confident all existing forms of media will continue and each will find its own market.

"I believe there is great strength in print journalism and great strength in broadcast journalism as well as in cable. They can broadly co-exist and prosper in the information field."

SPECTRUM

experience / learning

In immersion program

Learns French in Quebec

By JANE STIRLING
Staff Writer

With more than a little anxiety and a feeling of total disorientation, I stepped out onto the train platform in La Pocatiere, Quebec, at midnight, with 135 other bewildered souls.

All of us were on a six-week French immersion course in the tiny town of "La Poc" on the St. Lawrence River. Most of us had no idea what we were getting into.

The federal government's summer language bursary program provided funding for the six-week period. There was a $55 excursin fee to pay but tuition, meals, lodging, texts and all activities were federally funded. It was an inexpensive way to learn a second language and see another part of the country.

In residence

My home, for the duration of the program, was the CEGEP residence in La Pocatiere. During the school months, Quebec students preparing for entrance to university live in the building.

After I overcame my intial fears of my French inadequancy I became attuned to the Quebecois lifestyle and found everyone tolerant of my grammatical mistakes. With a completely Francophone population in the town, it was necessary to learn basic vocabulary and phrases quickly.

I attended classes in the private boys school attached to the residence. There was classroom instruction every morning for three hours, five days a week.

Although I had five years of high school French and half a year at college, my communication skills were poor. Fortunately, the basis of the French immersion program centres on the conversational aspect.

The teachers and monitors were Quebecois and many spoke no English. Conversation in classes, workshops and activities was in French and speaking English was not encouraged.

On the basis of an oral test on the first day, students were divided into various classes. Half of the time in class was spent on grammar and the rest in conversation.

Varied activities

The afternoon activities during the week varied. Twice a week there were workshops to attend and the other afternoons were set aside for individual work on a major class project.

The afternoon workshops were more informal, relaxing and fun that the classes. Some of the workshops were theatre, choir journalism and environmental studies. My workshop, the human environment, included trips to neighboring towns, to the local cafe for conversation and some delicious cafe au lait or to the nearby swimming hole on a hot day.

After the classes or workshops ended, the rest of the day and evening was free. However, most students took advantage of the numerous activities offered by the instructors.

There were classes in aerobic dance, art, instrumental music, jazz and massage. The pool and gymnasium were popular places for sports. Bicycle excursions and mountain-climbing expeditions were also included.

For those with energy to spare after the activities finished, there were various night spots to go dancing and practise French with the townspeople.

Weekends were generally free and the students could come and go as they pleased. There were three scheduled trips, during the six weeks to Quebec City, the Gaspe peninsula and an outdoor resort. These excursions added another dimension to the course by showing students other parts of the province.

Although the six-week course offered me much in the way of fun, entertaining activities, there was a more serious side. There was homework as well as a major project that each student had to prepare and present to the class. Even during the Gaspe trip, each person had to keep a French journal.

Problems

And, of course, there were problems. Locking myself out of my room at 1 a.m. on the first night in my nightgown was one of them. Locking myself out of my room at 7 a.m. the next morning was another.

By the end of the course, I was not bilingual but my fluency had increased greatly. My understanding of the Quebecois lifestyle also increased. It is this component of the French immersion program that may eventually prove most beneficial to Canada — the two solitudes can co-exist peacefully if we all make the effort.

Sweet Sue quivers at queen pageant

By SUE GRECO
Staff Writer

The time had finally come. Win or not, I would be happy when the whole thing was over.

I was one of nine girls walking in single file towards the Main Events Tent. I didn't know what the other girls were thinking but I just kept telling myself: "Well kid, if you trip and fall when you're on stage, stay down whether you're hurt or not and save youself the embarrassment of having to get up."

What were we all doing? We were contestants for the Niagara Regional Exhibition (NRE) Fairest Queen Contest on Sept. 13 in Welland.

There was a chair for each of us in front of the stage. We were to sit there in alphabetical order until the time came to go up individually give our name and our sponsor's name, and answer an impromptu question.

I sat in the second chair. I suppose it could have been a lot worse; I could have been sitting in the first chair. Nevertheless, I still wished my last name was Zache.

We nervously sat through various introductions made by Judith Reid, NRE president. Mel Swart, MPP for Welland, and former mayor of Welland, Allan Pietz, were just a couple of the guests she introduced. Between the introductions, the audience was entertained by dancers from The Dance Place under direction of Loretta Deluca.

The time finally came for us to do what we were there to do. Ross McCarthy, chairman of the Fairest Queen Contest, signalled the first contestant to come on stage, introduce herself, and answer the question he would ask her.

Cheryl Dean, this year's NRE Queen, was the first to go. She did a good job of introducing herself and answering the question. If she was nervous, she didn't show it. She stepped down and it was my turn to go up.

I walked up nervously and the first thing I did was look down to make sure my slip was doing its job. Relieved that it was, I looked out into the blinding spotlight and said my name and the name of my sponsor. I then answered that question. I did it. I really don't know how but I did. I walked off the stage and took a deep breath of relief because what I had dreaded for weeks was now over.

The other seven girls went up one at a time to do their job. Not one of them showed the slightest sign of nervousness. They all spoke with enthusiasm and confidence.

The time had come to announce the winners. Marsha Woronchak's name was announced. She was Miss Congeniality. We were all happy for her because we had voted before the contest for Miss Congeniality and she was our choice.

Mr. McCarthy was just about to announce the princess and the queen when the lights went out due to electrical difficulties. For about 10 minutes, everyone sat in the dark waiting for the lights to go back on so the rest of the winners could be announced. Of all times for the lights to go out, why then? After what seemed to be an eternity, the lights came on.

The crowd was full of excitement as Tammy Holt was named princess and Cheryl was proclaimed as queen.

It was a fun and rewarding experience that I will never forget. I made eight new friends and met people who may be able to help me somewhere down the road if I need it. I honestly thought I was developing an ulcer but my stomach felt a lot better once the night was over.

My advice to anyone who is thinking of entering a contest similar to this is to "go for it". I mean every once in a while you have to say "What the heck". It's really a rewarding experience and you will have memories that will stay with you for the rest of your life.

His home-made suds are no strange brew

By RUSS DUHAIME
Staff Writer

It was a hot Saturday afternoon and some friends were over to quench their thirst with a nice cool beer. They were in for a suprise. I did not have the fridge stocked with the usual brands of beer; this time it was full of my home-brew.

I have been making beer for more than a year and I usually drank it myself. Now I think I have the process down to where I can produce a beer that I am proud to serve my friends.

Beer making is easy and inexpensive. It costs about $6 to make a case of 24 beer — compared to $15.85 at the beer store.

Making beer requires little equipment: a six-gallon pail, a five-gallon clear demijohn with a fermentation lock, a plastic hose and a capper. Ingredients include malt extract, beer yeast, dextrose or sugar, and finishing hops (optional).

For each can of malt extract dissolve four pounds of sugar in to five gallons of boiling water (less sugar will make a lighter beer). Allow the mixture to cool to 75 degrees F and sprinkle the yeast over the brew. Cover the pail and allow it to ferment for about 10 days. When fermentation has stopped syphon it into the demijohn and apply the fermentation lock.

Allow the sediment to settle to the bottom. This takes another ten days. Syphen the beer back into the pail leaving the sediment at the bottom of the demijohn and add a cup of sugar.

The process is almost complete. Siphon the beer into clean sterilized bottles and cap them. Use a good capper which costs about $20.

It is a good idea to hide the beer away somewhere for a month because it is hard to fight the temptation to taste it before it is ready.

When the month is over, fill the refrigerator and call your friends over for some of the best beer they have ever tasted.

It is a great beverage to have handy on a hot Saturday afternoon — as friends soon find out.

Students survey

Students from the social services worker program took to the streets of Niagara Falls last Wednesday to conduct a survey to determine whether people are interested in volunteering to help the mentally retarded.

The 26 students were working with Volunteers Opening Individual Community Experience (VOICE), a program affiliated with the Greater Niagara Association for the Mentally Retarded.

The survey, which is part of the students' course requirement, was also to determine if their (VOICE) advertising has been effective and to find out what programs they could offer to volunteers that would interest them.

The project provided the students with hands-on experience with a social service agency while providing VOICE with valuable feedback.

VOICE was established in the community in February. Its aim is to provide an individual volunteer for each of their 100 people. The people involved range in age from 10 to 60 years.

School's career library moves to new locatio n

Niagara College's career library is now located at the front of the learning resource centre.

Bette Ferguson, director of student services, said there is more space and it is easier for students to use. It is a better location because it makes it more visible and accessible to students.

The career library was previously located in T1 of the learning resource centre. That room is now being used by the library as a storage area for back issues of periodicals.

Government documents located where the career library is now are on the lower level of the learning resource centre in the far left corner.

The career library houses a wide variety of both print and audio-visual materials on topics designed to assist students in their self-development and in their transition to the employment scene. It is separated into three different sections.

The first section is for career information; it provides students with information and instruments for exploring career opportunities and identifying their skills and interests. Comprehensive material on resume writing and job search techniques are also provided.

The second section is for study skills. Students can improve their study and learning skills in many areas such as note-taking, essay-writing, test-taking and time management.

The third section is the women's resource area. This area provides a large variety of self-help materials such as books, periodicals, pamphlets and reports on issues of importance to today's women. This was the only section of the career library until it moved to T1.

Welland Vale Briefs

New park becomes reality

A park for Welland Vale students will become reality next summer with the student senate's $3,000 donation to the Welland Canal Preservation Association.

The park, which will be built along the Twelve Mile creek shoreline, will have picnic tables, walking and bicycle paths and extensive landscaping to make the area more appealing, Rod Hill, acting senate president, said.

The association will be in charge of the project but the student senate has speeded up the operation by giving $3,000, Morris Bosey, staff adviser and counsellor for the senate, said.

The work will probably start in the spring of 1984 and be completed by the summer, Mr. Bosey said.

The association may hire students from the horticulture centre to do the planting in the park. The welding course may be asked to build a lock mechanism for the entrance.

WV washes for CAT scan

Two car washes sponsored by the Welland Vale student senate raised money for the CAT scan campaign during the summer months.

The students raised a combined total of $135.50 and the student senate donated the difference to bring the donation to $300.

The car washes were held at the Pen Centre in August and September.

Rod Hill, acting senate president, said many people donated money to the cause without needing a car wash.

Clear Vision: Theresa Gretzinger, president of the Niagara College chapter of the CFWD for the used eyeglass program, holds deposit box containing eyeglasses for the Third World needy.

(Photo by Perna)

For second year

Organization needs used eyeglasses

Just one year ago a small but very special program began at Niagara College. The program gave 250 needy people the gift of clear vision. This program consisted of people who wanted to help others help themselves.

The organization known as the Niagara College chapter of the Canadian Foundation For World Development (CFWD), provided needy people with used eyeglasses donated by the college students.

This year Theresa Gretzinger, second-year journalism student, will head the program, replacing Dianne Ujfalussy, former journalism student and chairman of last year's organization.

"I wanted to get involved and got tired of waiting for the right moment; a lot of people use that excuse without realizing that every moment is the right moment, as soon as you get the inclination and not when someone asks you," Miss Gretzinger said.

The CFWD is a 100 per cent volunteer organization aimed in a total commitment to attack the root causes of poverty and injustice in the world through health, education, agriculture and reforestation.

Deposit boxes for glasses are located on the second floor Simcoe lounge and at the Student Administrative Council (SAC) office.

Telephone system will save money

The college will save about half a million dollars within 10 years due to its new telephone system, Foster Zanutto, director of information services, said.

Mr. Zanutto's one major project when coming to the college 2½ years ago was to look into decreasing the telephone cost. After researching various telephone systems, Mr. Zanutto concluded that buying the college's own telephone equipment would be the best solution in the long run.

The system costs $380,000 which is planned to be completely paid off in four years. Previously the college spent $200,000 a year on the telephone system. About $100,000 for rental and $100,000 on services.

The new system at the college is called The Bell Communications System Inc. (BCSI), which is a subsidiary company to Bell Canada.

With the new law passed three years ago by the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunication Commission (CRTC), individuals are now allowed to buy their own telephone equipment; before that, it had to be rented from Bell Canada.

MANY BENEFITS

The phone system is also computer-based and has many benefits which will make the processing of phone calls faster than the old system, Mr. Zanutto said.

The new system offers Call Forward, which allows a call to be forwarded to another phone. Another feature is Speed Call, which allows one to program an often used number by coding it; the number then is easily accessible.

Call Pick-Up allows one to answer a call on another phone by simply dialing a code number. This feature is especially ideal in big office situations where a secretary at one end of the office can answer the call coming in from another desk by simply dialing the code, Mr. Zanutto said.

The new phone system also ties directly into Welland Vale campus, allowing a specific extension to be reached faster and more easily, he said.

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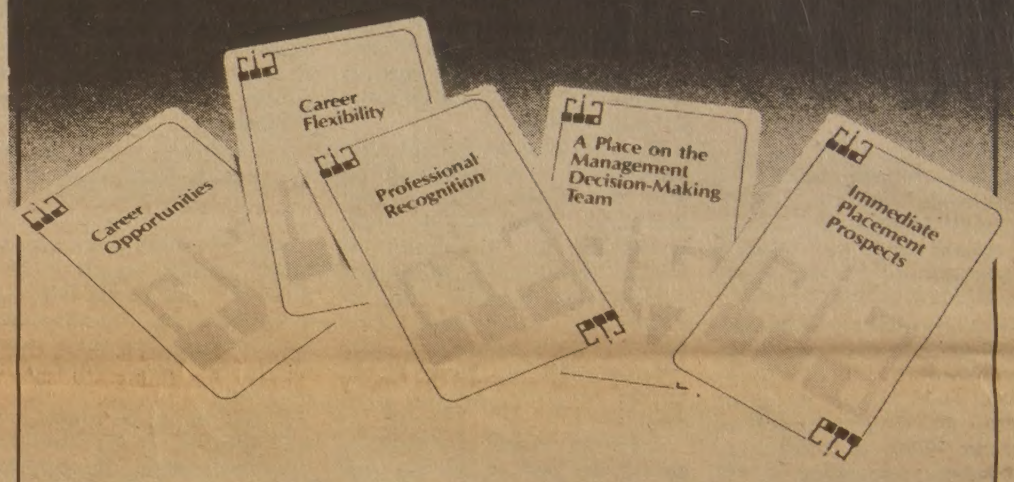

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Jacqueline Robarts, college president, congratulated the winner of this year's Corpsuckle Cup, Dave McPhearson, on behalf of the ambulance and emergency care program. From left to right are: Marjorie Frith, Denis Noel, Dave McPhearson, Frank Adamson, and Miss Robarts. (Photo by Greco)

Top blood donors honored with plaque

The Corpsuckle Cup honoring the college's top blood donors was presented on Sept. 21 to the ambulance and emergency care program. Students of the program obtained a 63.4 per cent registration rate at last year's blood donor clinic.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, presented the plaque to Dave McPhearson, last year's class representative for the one-year program.

Mr. McPherson returned to accept the award in front of this year's class for the students who gave blood last year.

Miss Robarts thanked the students and said: "if anybody should be donating, it should be you people."

Last year's record was one of the best in the clinic's history at the college.

Students donated 280 pints of blood compared to 192 the year before.

Eugene Maltais, founder of the Corpsuckle Cup, said for the past 12 years, the Red Cross and Niagara College have set up a clinic and about 2,872 pints of blood have been donated.

Marjorie Frith, executive director and clinic organizer for the Red Cross, congratulated the winning class and the Student Administrative Council (SAC).

"We can always look forward to a large clinic here at the college." Frank Adamson, co-ordinator for the ambulance and emergency care program, received the trophy for this year's winning class.

A small trophy goes to program co-ordinators while the names of the winning classes go on a large plaque in the library. The new plaque retains the name Corpsuckle Cup, hallowed in college history. The original — an inartistic melange created by Mr. Maltais and misnamed Corpsuckle, was stolen and never recovered.

The law and security program holds the record for winning the trophy four times.

Denis Noel, SAC president, encouraged this year's students to give blood. He said SAC hopes to have a clinic in November or in February.

The official date for this year's clinic will be posted and advertised around the college well in advance.

Bears win championship

The winner of the women's intramural volleyball were the Bears. They played well as a team, working together to win the championship.

The team members were Cindy Bohm, Cindy Kujaste, Sandy McMaster, Cathy Krajcik, Brenda Lowe and Sharron Ecker.

Teachers too must pay

Students and staff are now being treated equally in the learning resource centre. College employees, as well as students, must pay overdue fines on borrowed material, Sandy Brooks, centre supervisor, said.

This policy was officially put into operation on Sept. 6, Mrs. Brooks said. In the past, there were two circulation systems, one for students and one for faculty. With the large numbers of both students and staff, it was difficult to keep track of the library materials and when they were returned, she said.

Another reason for the change is complaints from some students. They considered it unfair that the library was fining students who had no steady source of income, but did not fine the teachers who earn a steady salary.

There are two exceptions to this policy. If a book is needed for classroom use, it may be signed out by the instructor for as long as wanted, Mrs. Brooks said. However, if the book is not returned on the due date agreed upon between the instructor and the librarian, a fine will be charged.

The fine for both students and staff is 25 cents per day. If the fine is paid the same day the overdue material is returned, the fine is halved. The fine is $1 per day for materials which are on reserve. Because of the high demand for these materials, the lending period is only a couple of days, Mrs. Brooks said.

Five college graduates help decorate home

By ALETHA JONES
Staff Writer

Gracious, elegant, "Designers' Showcase," a historic house on Yates Street in St. Catharines, demonstrates the talent of top interior designers. Five of the designers are graduates of Niagara College interior design program.

Marion McIntyre, Margaret Bennett, Avril Wilshire, Laura Swallow, and John T. Kazmir are among those approached to decorate the historic house. "I was very happy to have been chosen," Marion McIntyre said.

The lovely Regency house at 34 Yate St., was built some time before 1852. Its present owner, Alastair Maclaine, lent it to the Niagara Symphony Association to be used as a fund-raising project. The house, open to the public for two weeks, was closed last Friday.

Each group of designers were asked to decorate one room of the house. Although they did not confer beforehand about a color scheme the theme of mulberry, black and beige carries through and unifies all the rooms.

The living room, designed by Rudolph Interior Furnishings, features black walls, one of which is dominated by a coromandel screen in "A Palace Scene" design. A grouping of fat candles in the fireplace, and a little brass clock set on the bottom shelf of the bookcase, are unexpected touches that point up the ingenuity of the designers. Avril Wilshire and Laura Swallow are two of the designers with Rudolph's.

Library

Marion McIntyre and Margaret Bennett, with Marion's daughter, Rhonda, used charcoal grey with touches of clay and ivory to give the library that feeling of timelessness. Brass accessories and plantings evoke warmth and show that this room is not just a library but a room to be enjoyed. "It was good experience," Margaret Bennett said.

Marion McIntyre did a room in the Ronald MacDonald house for the Designer's Show in Toronto, in 1980. Her studio is Marion McIntyre Inc., Welland. Marion and her co-worker, Margaret Bennett, graduated from Niagara in 1977. Marion is president of the Advisory Board of interior design.

John T. Kazmir of Studio 76, and Joseph Maskery collaborated on the dining room design. Bold neutrals with the warmth of golds give a dramatic look to this room. A striking centrepiece on the dining table composed of pheasant feathers and white dogwood, and gold mirror blinds on the window, are two of the unusual features of the room.

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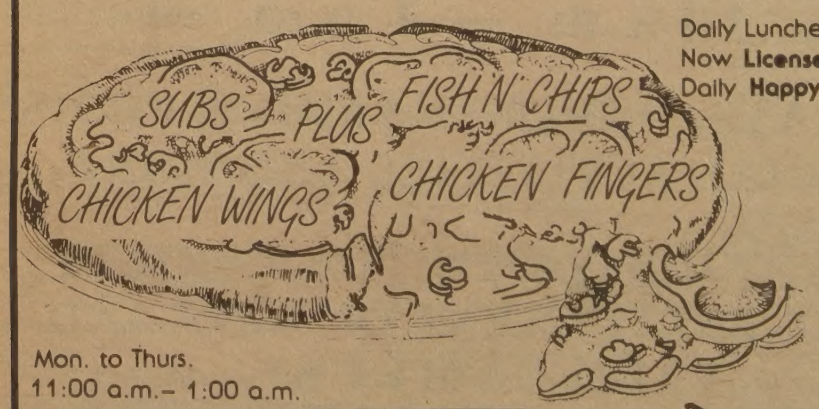

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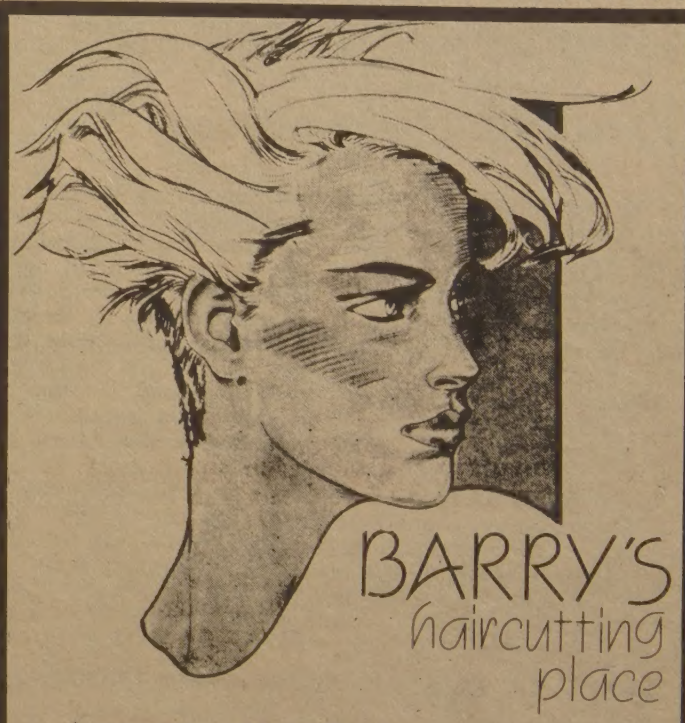

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Reggie Robot really rolls

By CAROL ALAIMO
Staff Writer

TORONTO — He walks, talks, dances and sings, and can be taught to vacuum a carpet, warn you if fire breaks out or play a game of hide-and-seek.

He says he likes to "stop for a double screwdriver every day after work."

He is the internationally famous Reggie the Robot, and a group of Niagara College students met him in person(?) at the International Electrical and Electronics Conference and Exposition on Sept. 26.

Described by his creator as a "human companion, class type: android, silicon-based intelligence," Reggie was designed to "break down the general population's fear of robots."

Friendly robots

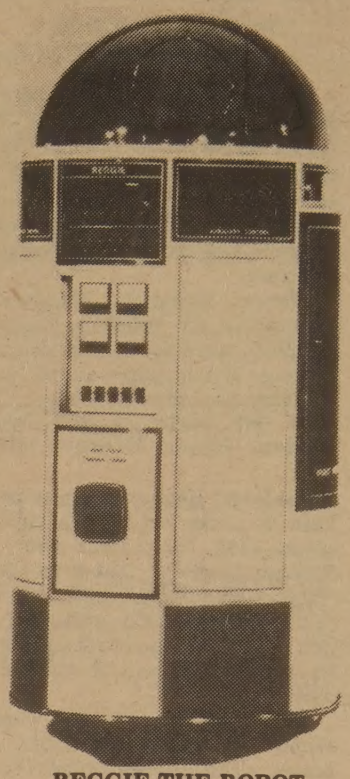
"Reggie shows people that robots can be friendly and have personality," said Ken Davis of General Develop Corporation in Phoenix, who calls himself "Reggie's daddy."

The four-foot 10 inch machine weighing 245 pounds is a spokesman and public relations agent for IBM, Digital Equipment Corporation, Hamilton Avnet, Honda and other corporations.

Reggie is a likeable creature who scuttles and pivots like a science-fiction show creature. He has an eye(?) for the ladies and is fond of asking them if they believe in computer dating. If the answer is "Yes," he jokes, "Your place or mine?"

Mr. Davis admits that Reggie, valued at about $56,000, would not be cost-practical in most homes. "Reggie is basically an entertainer," he said.

On a more practical level, his company will soon be marketing Alex, a robot who is "not as cute as Reggie but is a harder worker."



REGGIE THE ROBOT

Alex will retail for less than $2,500.

Mr. Davis predicted that within 10 years, every home will have a robot, if only to program it for smoke and security duties.

Answering an audience question about whether a robot could ever "go haywire" and harm its owner, Mr. Davis said a basic part of a robot's programming instructs it never to harm rational beings.

Reggie is programmed to detect rational beings by temperature in a range between 90 and 99 degrees. What would happen if his owner had a high fever?

If Reggie were programmed for security he would be carrying tear gas canisters. Upon detecting a presence higher than 99 degrees, he would challenge verbally, "and if you didn't answer with a four-digit security code, look out!," Mr. Davis said.

A "professional inventor", who holds more than 50 patents, Mr. Davis said the ion compulsion engine now licensed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is another of his inventions.

Reggie and another robot, Freddy Future, who rubbed a reporter's knee while being interviewed, were both part of a three-day electrical and electronics conference at Exhibition Place in Toronto. The show was billed as the largest in 25 years.

Niagara College's student branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) sent a delegation of about 90 to the conference to examine the latest in technology.

Tutoring program gives assistance

The counselling department is again offering the Peer Tutoring Program, Dorthory Bartram, program co-ordinator, said.

Mrs. Bartram started the programs last year. She said it is not intended to replace classroom instruction, but to give temporary assistance to students having trouble with their studies.

The program is funded by two organizations, the ministry of colleges and the Student Administrative Council (SAC) which put in the other 50 per cent.

To be eligible as a tutor, a student must owe money to O.S.A.P. and have at least a B average, said Mrs. Bartram. There are no restrictions on the students requesting help.

Prospective tutors attended an orientation session on Sept. 20. Mrs. Bartram said 10 people showed up and believes it will be like last year, with people coming in to the counselling office one at a time.

Anyone interested in tutoring is asked to fill out an application form in the counselling office. The tutors are selected on the basis of an interview. The student must understand what is involved with tutoring and have a strong background in the subject he wants to tutor. The successful student will make $5.50 per hour.

The subjects with a high demand for tutors include science courses, computer courses, accounting and economics.

Shoes shone at Shinerama

Students shone shoes to raise more than $1,000 for cystic fibrosis on Shinerama Day, Sept. 7.

About 40 students visited Seaway Mall, The Pen Centre, Niagara Square, fire departments, hospitals and police stations.

Rob Farr, vice president of external affairs, arranged the day's events. It was sponsored by Labatt's Brewery and the Student Administrative Council (SAC).

Video games craze at college

The video craze has hit Niagara College. The Student Administrative Council (SAC) has installed video games at various locations in the school.

In the past, Niagara College had video machines near the gym but they were getting damaged, Denis Noel, SAC president, said. There are three video machines in the foyer in front of the library and other machines in a couple of other places. Denis said only a few teachers have expressed concern about the noise level.

Bette Ferguson, director of student services, said everything was fine. "It hasn't been too noisy."

The video machines are on a trial basis. Mrs. Ferguson said, "We are monitoring it to see how it goes and then an evaluation will be done."

Half of the profits go to the company which rents the machines and the other half into SAC's account for student activities, Maria DiFelice, SAC secretary, said.

Council changes method of advertising movies

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) will change its method of advertising for afternoon movies because of difficulties in reserving them.

Jim Trapnell, vice-president of internal affairs, said films are booked through Take 1 Video but sometimes films are not returned on time. Therefore it is impossible to advertise the film before it is actually in his hands.

SAC will now post listings of the dates when movies will be shown, but the names of the films will not be available until two days before. The names will be posted outside the Hamilton room and the SAC office.

On Sept. 15 48 Hours was to be shown but SAC found it had not been returned. They replaced it with Caddy Shack but ran into problems with equipment and had to cancel the film for the day.

One anonymous student was so infuriated by the inconvenience that he pinned a memo to a bulletin board threatening SAC with "bodily harm" if this happened again.

Jim Trapnell said, "I would like to apologize for wasting a half hour of the student's time. There was nothing we could do about it." The equipment is working fine now and there will be no more problems in advertising.

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Fall of the Roman Empire

Students from first-year theatre arts demonstrated the fall of the Roman Empire on Friday, Sept. 23. From left to right are: Darrin DiPasquale, Roxanne Pringle, Miki Brown, Rick Cosby, Tracey Barrett, Kathy Raedy, Kim Strong, Nancy Boyle, Ian Isherwood, Adrian Muir, Mario Freitos and Tyler Williams. (Photo by Greco)

Beyond Happiness one gay's message

By JANE STIRLING
Staff Writer

Gay sexuality is a fact that many people can accept but one that they do not want to talk about. This is exactly the message in Beyond Happiness: The intimate memoirs of Billy Lee Belle — a two act monologue, written and performed by Peter McGehee.

The 27-year-old actor from Pine Bluff, Arkansas, performed the 11-chapter saga about love, happiness and the extended family at the Niagara Artists' Centre in St. Catharines.

Using his southern accent as his sole prop, Mr. McGehee changed characters as he impersonated the members of Billy Lee Belle's family.

On its simplest level, Beyond Happiness is the story of boy meets boy, boy meets another boy, and finally lives happily after. Above all, it is a sensitivie portrait of one man's rites of passage and his only too-human family.

Billy Lee finds himself in a world apart from the straight folk of Little Rock, Arkansas. "Mother Dearest" has her suspicions and sends him to a psychiatrist. He won't fight and he hates sports.

When he does a female impersonation in a high school play, the boys at school never let him forget it.

After discovering "divine" love with his best friend, Billy Lee finds out, the hard way, how the rest of the town feels about this conduct. He is run out of town.

When he returns, years later, he feels sad. He finds he cannot come to terms with the south; it only becomes more alien.

Mr. McGehee conceived his play, Beyond Happiness, last spring. "It is rare to see gay theatre with honesty. My play is open and up front."

The actor started his career in the theatre at age nine. After graduating from Southern Methodist University in Dallas he worked in summer theatre.

Explaining that he often played "tortured adolescents", Mr. McGehee said, "I wasn't happy with commercial theatre. it just wasn't what I thought it would be."

After four years away from the acting profession, the artist started to write. His first effort, The Quinlan Sisters, went on four national tours. His second play, Beyond Happiness, premiered in Saskatchewan and will play at the Parallel Galleries across Canada.

Maintain OHIP

A medical clinic is available within the college and students are advised to have health insurance to cover the cost of sickness or injury, college nurse Marian Kerr said.

Students who are residents of Ontario are covered by their parents' OHIP until they are 21 or marry. Then it is their responsibility to apply for their own OHIP. Most students can receive premium assistance to cover their OHIP costs.

Students from other provinces should stay with their own provincial health insurance. This is a correction made from the student handbook calendar.

Room of Fools play for SAC's first pub

By LINDA MACLEOD
Staff Writer

Students' spirits were high for the first pub of the year that was sold out on Sept. 9. Room of Fools appeared and played enthusiastically for the evening.

The five-piece band opened up with Hungry Like the Wolf by Duran Duran and closed with an encore playing Billy Idol's White Wedding.

Room of Fools was formed in November, 1982. Their first performance was on Dec. 17. Members of the band are lead singer Roger Psutka, 26; keyboardist Mark Willms, 22; lead guitarist Ron Watson, 26; base guitarist Paul Morris, 28, and percussionist Jim Goodwin, 25. Most of the members are from Kitchener.

They have played mostly in the Toronto area at colleges and taverns. Ron Watson said Niagara College is "better than a lot of places to play for."

The band plays a mix of music covering the most popular songs of the new-wave trend. Jim Goodwin said the group is " a part-time band." It rents all of its sound equipment and rehearses three times a week. The main goal of the band is "recording original music," Roger Psutka said. "We hope to be recording by next summer."

The financial benefits of a struggling band are not that rewarding. "We as individuals take little of the gross home," Mark Willms said.

For now, Room of Fools is getting its name known around the area and is having a good time doing it.

Movie helps girls realize career goals

Girls in Grades 7 to 9 will get a boost in their career goals with the help of a film entitled It's up to You.

Bette Ferguson, director of student services, thought of this film as an extension of Project Techtrain, a program which helps young women prepare for careers in the trades and technologies.

The 15-minute film tells of a girl who comes to Niagara College to look for her mother who is enrolled in a technology course. She then meets a female technology student who shows her around and gets her interested in the program. Mrs. Ferguson said the film encourages girls in junior high school to keep their math and science courses, as they are important for a career in technology.

Project Techtrain in aimed at high school girls. Mrs. Ferguson said high school could be too late, because generally as girls reach high school they drop their maths and sciences. Because of this, she thought of the film, which is directed at junior high school girls.

The film should be completed in a few weeks, Mrs. Ferguson said. Then a preview showing will be held open to local school boards and interested groups. Mrs. Ferguson said the film will be made available for sale to school boards across Canada.

Orientation

College French club holds get-together in cafeteria

Regroupement Niagara, a Niagara College French club, held a "Welcome to Niagara" get-together in the staff cafeteria on Sept. 14.

Though it was organized to introduce francophone students to one another all the college was invited.

About 60 students from many programs showed up. Refreshments were served and introduction games were played such as name bingo and a different version of musical chairs.

For name bingo everyone filled his bingo card with the names of persons he introduced himself to. Names were called out and the one to call bingo had to identify the people on his winning line.

Musical chairs was played on cardboard placed on the floor. When the music stopped, those without a foot on the cardboard were eliminated. It was amazing to see how many people can fit on one piece of cardboard — a good way to meet people.

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College enrolment at its highest ever

By SUE GRECO
Staff Writer

Niagara College is experiencing its largest enrolment ever. As of Sept. 13, 3,579 students were enrolled in the 50 day programs.

John Parrett, registrar, said he expected about 3,600 students to be enrolled by the end of the month. Sept. 20 was the last day for students to register.

Last year, 3,493 students were enrolled as of Sept. 30. This year will show an increase of more than 100 students.

There were a lot more applications this year than last, he said. This year, 8,000 applications were received compared to 6,000 last year.

NURSING HIGHEST

Applications for the nursing program were the highest with 875. Only 144 were accepted for that program.

Second highest number of applications were received for the law and security program with close to 650. Only 75 were accepted.

There were more than 4,000 course registrations for night school. Registration for these courses goes to the third week of evening classes in the first week of October.

There is always a drop from first year students going into their second year. Reasons include marriage, moving or failing. However, Mr. Parrett said this year much of the increase in total enrolment can be attributed to the second and third year students returning. He said the number of first year students did not increase.

CONTINUED RISE

Mr. Parrett said the number of applications will continue to rise in the next two years. After that, he said a decrease may be expected because of declining secondary school enrolment. "It will hit in 1985-86."

He said one source of students will go down but the adult training area will grow in the next couple of years and there will be a gradual change because people are returning to school. He said another reason for the decrease is the decrease in the population.

"In a couple of years, people will have to have more than a high school diploma." He said employers are now telling applicants to have a college diploma or do not bother applying.

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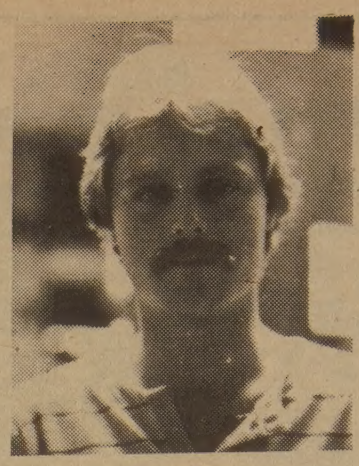

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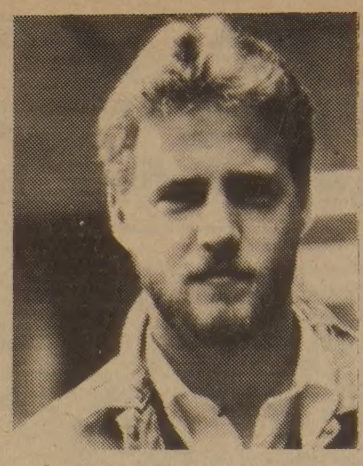

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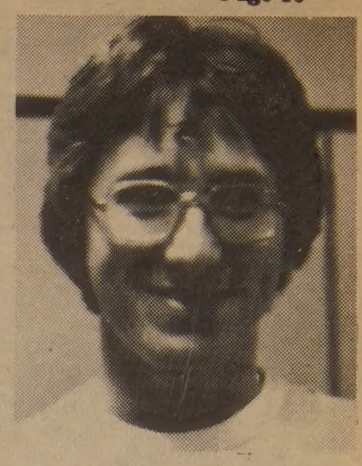

DON KISH

Roving Reporter

By SUE GRECO
and SUE KMITA
Staff Writers

Quarters are a dime a dozen when it comes to playing video games. In the past few weeks, the Student Administrative Council (SAC) have installed video machines in various areas in the college. Do you think this is the place for video games? Is it good recreational fun or is it a distraction to students? Do you think any problems will arise from these machines being located in the school?

Scott Lang, 19, second-year law and security: It is a good idea to have the video games. Why not keep it in the school rather than going to Seaway Mall. Besides it is a good recreational idea.

Ron Burger, 20, second-year law and security: It is a good idea for recreation and it is better than having some people just sit around. Having it outside in front of the library is a good idea.

Barry Sharpe, economics teacher: Having the video machines is a good revenue source for SAC but I think they should hide the machines somewhere where nobody can see them. It doesn't present the best image of what college students are involved in.

Lee-Anne Mason, 18, first-year health science prep: I don't play videos but if people want to play them, then they are old enough to make their own decisions. Personally, I think it is a waste of money but some people think of it as a challenge.

Patsy Reid, 19, second-year human relations: I think it is okay because it gives people something to do in their spares. We're not kids.

Mike Gurr, 25, first-year business administration: The machines should be right out of the building as far as I am concerned. This is an institute for learning and not playing games. We can make better use of our time other than playing video games.

Don Kish, 21, second-year electronics technician: I feel the video machines should be confined to a smoking area or the cafeteria and not where people are trying to study.

Sharon Madere, 18, first-year general college: I think they are all right there (in front of the library) because there has to be something to do around here.

Chris McCooey, 20, first-year law and security: I don't mind the games being there. It is the students' own prerogative to use them. After all, they are old enough to make their own decisions.

SHARON MADERE

PATSY REID

IEEE looking for members

A radio plays in the background as studying, camaraderie and coffee-drinking abound in room L-6. This is the home of the Niagara College branch of the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers (IEEE).

The IEEE is an international organization for technology students past and present, instructors and members of the general community.

The group's semi-annual membership drive is under way from now until the end of October. Membership offers students use privileges in a special technical resource library, special prices on technology instruments, and a chance to meet technical students from other schools.

"The IEEE offers technology students the opportunity to expand their educational experience," Wayne McCready, faculty member and IEEE adviser, said.

The McNaughton Centre library in room L-6 is upgraded yearly and contains technical literature, catalogues and reference books that are available only to IEEE members, chairman Mike Grimaldi, a third-year computer student, said.

Technology students looking for a bargain can visit a small-scale parts store run from the IEEE room.

Instruments are bought in bulk and savings are passed on to students. Logic probes, meter leads, scope leads, transistor components, integrated circuits and diodes are available to members and non-members alike, but the prices are slightly higher for non-members, Mike said.

A logic probe, for example, would cost $12 for an IEEE member and $13 for a non-member. A comparable item at Radio Shack sells for about $30, he said.

Students interested in joining the IEEE can inquire in room L-6. The next general meeting will be on Oct. 13 at 12.30 in room L-5. Both male and female technology students are invited to sit in on the meeting. The Niagara College branch of the IEEE has at least five female members.

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N.H.L Overtime

Isles will be tough to unseat

By BILL POTRECZ
Staff Writer

The 1983-84 National Hockey League season will feature a dramatic change which should increase interest and make the game more exciting: overtime.

A five-minute, sudden-death period will be played at the conclusion of each tie game to try to cut down on the high number of tie games in the last few seasons.

The New York Islanders will be looking for their fifth consecutive Stanley Cup with the Edmonton Oilers, Boston Bruins, and Minnesota North Stars seen as strong contenders.

Here's a thumb-nail sketch of each team as they break from the gate.

SMYTHE DIVISION

The Edmonton Oilers, last year's Stanley Cup finalists, are the class of the division and should take first place easily. Wayne Gretzky, Mark Messier and Glenn Anderson lead the league's most potent offensive unit, while Paul Coffey and Charlie Huddy anchor a strong defence.

Top goalie

The Vancouver Canucks have one of the game's top goal-tenders in Richard Brodeur and a first-rate coach in Roger Neilson. Stan Smyl, Rick Lanz and Kevin McCarthy are solid professionals but will need help from youngsters Tony Tanti, Moe Lemay and Andy Schliebener.

The Calgary Flames cleaned house during the off-season and added forwards Steve Tambellini, Mike Eaves and defenceman Mickey Volcan to their roster. Coach Bob Johnson needs a return to form of former all-star goaltender Don Edwards. Lanny McDonald and Paul Reinhart are the Flames' top players.

The Los Angeles Kings need to stay healthy if they are to be a contender. Last season the Kings ran into many injuries and finished with a poor record. The Kings must find a top-notch goaltender and some help for Larry Murphy and Marcel Dionne if they are to make the playoffs.

The Winnipeg Jets have the nucleus for a fine team — in a couple of years. David Babych, Dale Hawerchuck and young goalie Brian Hayward are excellent young players and should get better with experience. The Jets need more depth at all positions if they are to be improved this year.

NORRIS DIVISION

The Chicago Black Hawks acquired Behn Wilson from the Flyers and he will help the defence. The goaltending is solid and if Al Secord and Denis Savard perform as they did last year, the Black Hawks should finish near the top.

In Minnesota, new coach Bill Mahoney inherits a talented group of players which includes Craig Harstburg, Bobby Smith and Dino Ciccarelli. The club re-acquired Steve Christoff and Dennis Maruk to add even more scoring punch.

The Toronto Maple Leafs improved during the second half of last season and hope to continue the trend. Mike Palmateer and Rick St.Croix give the Leafs solid goaltending, while Rick Vaive, Bill Derlago and Dan Daoust lead the offence. Sophomore defenceman Gary Nylund, who missed most of last year with injuries, is seen as the key to the defence.

The St. Louis Blues had a turbulent summer almost moving to Saskatoon and then being sold. The club did not participate in the draft so no help is forthcoming. Guy Chouinard was acquired from Calgary and should help the offence.

In Detroit, three ex-Rangers — Ron Duguay, Ed Mio and Eddie Johnstone — will try to turn the Wings around and make the team a contender. Ex-Bruin Brad Park was acquired to help the defence and youngsters Claude Loiselle and Steve Yzerman will help up front.

ADAMS DIVISION

The Boston Bruins have a solid group of players headed by Ray Bourque, Barry Pederson and Rick Middleton. Jim Schoenfeld and Guy Lapointe were acquired to help stabilize the defence. Last year, goalie Pete Peeters was outstanding and he will need a repeat performance to make the Bruins legitimate contenders for the Stanley Cup.

The Buffalo Sabres have amassed an excellent group of young players who should continue to improve with experience. Real Cloutier, acquired from the Nordiques, will score some goals for the Sabres but his defensive play is suspect. If the young players continue to improve, the Sabres will be a force to be reckoned with.

Serge new G.M.

The Montreal Canadiens named ex-Hab Serge Savard as their new GM. The Canadiens are in a transition period, phasing out some of the older, more familiar players and bringing in some new blood.

The Nordiques of Quebec have an outstanding offence, with the likes of Michel Goulet, the Stasny Brothers and new addition Tony McKegney. The problem for the Nords will be to keep the puck out of their own net. Goalies Dan Bouchard and Clint Malarchuk will see a lot of rubber this year.

The Hartford Whalers have a new GM, Emile Francis, and a new coach, Jack Evans. Unfortunately, the Whalers don't have many new players of any significance and the Whalers appear destined to finish last — again.

The Washington Capitals had their best season last year and are looking to improve further this year. Versatile Dave Christian was obtained from Winnipeg and will help out at centre and on defence. The loss of Dennis Maruk to the North Stars will hurt the Caps more than they think.

New faces Willie Huber, Mark Osborne and Mike Blaisdell from Detroit will help to add muscle to the New York Rangers. Centre Pierre Larouche, signed as a free agent, may give the Rangers some added scoring punch. A first-rate goaltender is a must if the Rangers are to move up in the standings.

New coach Lou Angotti has little to work with in Pittsburgh other than Randy Carlyle, Paul Gardner and a couple of others. The Penguins must reduce the number of goals they surrender if they are to improve.

The New Jersey Devils added Phil Russell and Mel Bridgman during the off-season to help in their drive toward respectability. It will be a few years before coach Billy MacMillan has a winner.

Islanders tough

PATRICK DIVISION

The New York Islanders are the class of the league and will be tough to unseat as Stanley Cup champions. Youngsters Greg Gilbert, Dave Simpson and Paul Boutilier will push some of the older veterans for their jobs as the Isles look for their fifth consecutive championship.

The Philadelphia Flyers had a fine season last year only to lose in the first round of the playoffs to the New York Rangers. Veterans Darryl Sittler, Bob Clarke and Bill Barber are still around and will be joined by youngsters Ron Sutter and Doug Crossman.

Golf team in rough

The Niagara College golf team finished a disappointing eighth of 10 teams in an exhibition tournament held at Georgian College Sept. 23.

The host Georgian team won the tournament after a playoff with Mohawk College.

Rick Gable, Lorne Demoe, Rob Graham and Andre Tanguay were Niagara's four golfers and finished with a total of 357 strokes, 19 behind leader Georgian.

Rob and Lorne recorded the best score with 84 strokes each.

"It was a tough golf course," Pete Rylander, director of athletics, said. "It was a cold and windy day and it made it difficult to golf."

The next tournament for the golf team was scheduled at Dundee, Kitchener, Sept. 29 and 30 for the OCAA Championship.

"If we shoot what we are capable of, we should finish in the top three or four," Mr. Rylander said. "It will take a team effort to win."

Niagara curling team rebuilding for season

Niagara College's curling program is in a "rebuilding year," according to curling manager Bob Young.

"We have five players returning," Mr. Young said. "But we lost a large number of veterans from last year."

Niagara will probably field three curling teams this year: men's, women's and mixed.

Last year, the mixed team, consisting of two men and two women, finished an impressive second in the Ontario championships.

This season Mr. Young is looking forward to placing "one contender out of the three teams in the Ontario championships."

This would be a good year for Niagara to place a team in the Ontario finals, as, for the first time, Niagara College is the host for the Ontario OCAA Championships, March 8 to 11.

TO MANAGE

Mr. Young, who is an instructor in marketing, has given up coaching this season to concentrate on managing the team. The new coach is Don Papple, who works out of the Horticultural Centre in St. Catharines.

Mr. Young said team-work is essential for a successful curling team. "You could have the best four curlers in the world, but if they don't work together, they will not succeed."

Mr. Young also cited agility, compatibility and physical fitness as keys to winning.

Each member of the curling team is required to curl with a club in the Niagara region for a minimum of one hour per week. From Oct. 13 to 28, members will curl in clubs in Welland, St. Catharines and Port Colborne.

The first chance for team members to display their prowess will be Nov. 12 in the Niagara College Bonspiel.

There is still time for those interested to join the curling team. Contact Mr. Young or Mr. Papple for more information.

Curling ?

Curling is not the easy sport many people think. It is a skilful and physical sport. Many matches last from twc to three hours, and the sport takes concentration and a lot of good hardworking teamwork.

A curling tournament is called a bonspiel, and in each, four-man teams slide flat round stones, which weigh 40 pounds, toward a target and points are awarded to the team with the closest placement to the centre.

Players slide the stone down the length of the 138-foot rink and do so in both directions. Each cycle is called an "end" or "inning" and a match can consist of 10 to 20 ends.

The practice of sweeping the ice with brooms is to help keep the stone on target. Stones can be knocked away and points are only awarded when the stones are inside the 12-foot circle called the "house". The centre is called the "tee" and this is where the players aim to get the highest points.

Team looks good

New coach, new team are ready for season

Russell Stevenson and newcomer Misette Critelli will share coaching duties with the women's basketball team.

Miss Critelli was picked from her high school basketball team, Denis Morris in St. Catharines, to play with the Niagara Regional Team. The team made it to the finals of the Canadian Junior Championships and were silver medallists.

Miss Critelli played basketball with the University of Ottawa and received rookie-of-the-year award. She spent last year coaching the women's basketball team at Algonquin College in Ottawa before coming to Niagara.

Mr. Stevenson, women's basketball head coach, said the team looks excellent; "they are the best players I have seen," he said.

If the team co-operates, they could do very well, possibly finish first. Mr. Stevenson said the players are improving with each practice and the big forwards and excellent guards should help the team do better than their fourth place finish last year in the Ontario finals.

Mr. Stevenson also said four players of good calibre will be returning this year, two of them all-stars and this will be a valuable asset for team leadership.

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The Student Administrative Council has many activities planned for the year and hopes to have better promotion. From left to right are: Daniel Huard, social convener; Ken Kormos, vice-president; Denis Noel, president; Frank Beres, vice-president of finance; Jim Trapnell, vice-president of internal affairs; Robert Farr, vice-president of external affairs; and Ed Neething, promotions. Rick Doucet, vice-president of athletics, was not available for the picture.

(Photo by Duhaime)

Gord McPherson 2nd placement officer

Gord McPherson, newly appointed placement officer, says students should become more aware of the placement services available to them.

Mr. McPherson formerly at the Counselling department, has joined Ken Anderson in the placement office to help graduating students find jobs by assisting them with resume writing, letters of application and preparing for interviews. They also help to find part-time or summer employment.

Mr. McPherson said there are two placement officers because it has been difficult, and more competitive in the last few years for graduates to find employment. However, two placement officers are still not enough, he said.

In the past, placement was high, about 90 to 95 per cent, Mr. McPherson said. Placement of 1982 graduates was lower, about 82 or 83 per cent. Figures of 1983 graduates are not yet available as surveys are not completed.

He said graduates must be more active than ever in their efforts to find a job.

GORD MCPHERSON

REMEMBER NIAGARA

Another area of responsibility is contacting employers to find out whether they will be hiring, and to remind them to keep Niagara College graduates in mind.

Mr. McPherson has a varied educational background including psychology and English at Wilfrid Laurier University. He also has a master's degree in counselling from Niagara University.

To further assist the student, directories are available, Mr. McPherson said. They list the names of companies, how big they are, and who manages them. There are directories for the western provinces, Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime provinces.

The placement office must report to the ministry of college and universities what has happened with the graduates, he said.

The placement officers will make two visits to graduating classes this year, he said. The visit in the fall term will be to make the students aware of what the placement office does. In addition, this visit will help the placement officer to "feel for the needs of that group."

Blushing Brides' pub sell out

By SUE KMITA
Staff Writer

When you see the Blushing Brides you expect to hear the music of the Rolling Stones all night, but that was not the case at the sold-out pub on Sept. 22. However, the revised band still kept up their image with an excellent stage show and an energetic performance.

The Blushing Brides originated in Kingston four years ago. Paul Martin, guitar, said the band is in a transition stage. "We are doing songs from our last album and songs on our upcoming album. But we still like to show where we came from, the Stones."

Original members of the band include Martin Van Digk, bass guitar; and Richard Berthiaume on drums. The other two band members, Thomas Earl Jones, lead vocalist, and Paul Fenton, slide guitar, recently joined the band.

Last February, the lead singer, Maurice Raymond, and the guitar player, James Green, left the band. Mr. Raymond was known for his spectacular impersonation of Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones.

"People kind of found it hard because we started being an original band; however, it wasn't a great cultural shock because we are still doing the Stones," Paul said.

The band's songs portrayed the heavy dance influence with lots of variety and high energy. Paul described their originals as being "old songs played through new amplifiers." It is a team effort to write songs and nothing is rushed. "Even if there is a deadline you want the right sounds."

The Blushing Brides have just finished a tour across Canada. They hope to be able to start touring in Boston, Washington, and New York. The band will be appearing at the CNE in a program called Rock World which is sponsored by Q107.

The Blushing Brides left little room for disappointment for the enthusiastic crowd at the pub. The floor was packed with dancing people and others content just to watch the performance.

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